

## LACERTA AURITA.



### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* tetrapodum, elongatum, caudatum, nudum.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LACERTA collo utrinque lobo semiorbiculato denticulato.

LACERTA AURITA. L. cauda tereti mediocri utrinque ad latus callosis punctis aspera, plica gulæ transversa subgemella, oris angulis utrinque in cristam semiorbiculatam mollem scabram dentatam dilatatis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel.

LACERTA *Mystacea*.

*Pall. ih.* 3. p. 702.

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Luculente adeo et accurate explicuit hanc speciem celeberrimus Pallas ut ipsissima auctoris verba sine ulla immutatione transcribere non dubitaverim.

“ Magnitudo adultis fere supra Geckonem. Caput retusum. Anguli oris dilatati utrinque in cristam semiorbiculatam mollem, extus punctis scabram, margine dentatam, in vivo animale sanguine turgescentem.

centem. Parotides utrinque muricatæ; plica gulæ transversa subgemella. Corpus ventricosum, depressum, cum cauda totum punctis acute prominulis scabrum, quæ majora in pedibus. Caudæ latera (in tractu utrinque longitudinali) callulis muricata. Digiti pedum unguiculati, intermedii tres serrati, duo bifariam, interior uno versu. Color supra cinereo et lutescente nebulosus, atomis creberrimis fuscis; subtus sordide albus, litura sterni apiceque caudæ subtus atris. In collibus arenosis Naryn, ut et in deserto Comani sabuletis non infrequens."





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THE  
LOBE-CHEEKED LIZARD.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Body* four-footed, elongated, tailed; without any secondary integument.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

LIZARD with a semiorbicular denticulated lobe on each side the neck.

LOBE-CHEEKED LIZARD.

*General Zoology*, vol. 3. p. 244.

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This remarkable Lizard is thus accurately described by Dr. Pallas:—

The size of the full-grown animal is somewhat superior to that of the *Lacerta Gecko*: the head is obtuse, and rounded in front; and the corners of the mouth are dilated on each side into a soft, semiorbicular crest, which is roughened externally with small points, toothed on the edges, and, in the living animal is turgid with blood: the parotids are mucicated, and the throat is furnished with a double transverse pleat: the body is ventricose, depressed, and together with the tail is roughened by small sharply prominent points, which are largest on the feet:

feet : the sides of the tail are muricated in a longitudinal direction with small crenous points : the toes are furnished with claws, and the three intermediate toes are serrated : two on both sides, and the other only on one : the colour above is a clouded variegation of yellowish and cinereous, with thickly-scattered dusky specks ; beneath dull white, with a black streak on the breast and beneath the tip of the tail. It inhabits the sandy and hilly deserts of Siberia.